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## **HEALTH ADVISORY ISSUED AND SWIMMING AREAS TEMPORARILY CLOSED**

MARLBOROUGH- Memorial Beach is temporarily closed for swimming due to elevated levels of cyanobacteria (blue green algae) bloom. It's not uncommon and is occurring across the state at this time of year. The City of Marlborough is working closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to monitor the cyanobacteria levels at the beach. The formation of a scum layer and visibly stronger blue-green hue throughout the water column yesterday warranted the issuance of a Health Advisory by our Board of Health. Water samples were taken by the state for analysis. While Memorial Beach is only closed to swimming, the City advises boaters and beachgoers to exercise personal discretion and caution at this time. Samples will continue to be taken until the water is safe for recreational use. Please be advised that even if there is no longer a visual buildup present, cyanobacteria levels may still be above guideline levels.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

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